

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 88-124

AN ORDER RESCINDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 84-17
ISSUED TO UNION SANITARY DISTRICT, ALVARADO PLANT,
IN UNION CITY, ALAMEDA COUNTY


The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter called the Board) finds that:

1. The Union Sanitary District (hereinafter called the Discharger) is a member agency of the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA). Current discharges to the San Francisco Bay via EBDA joint outfall is governed by the waste discharge requirements prescribed by the Board in Order No. 84-30 (NPDES No. CA0037869) which contains provisions against the creation of nuisance at the Discharger's collection, treatment, storage and transmission facilities.
2. On April 18, 1984, based on documented odor nuisance, the Board adopted Order No. 84-17 requiring the Discharger to cease and desist from creating a nuisance as a result of the treatment of wastes at the Alvarado plant. Possible odor sources, among others, include the rotating biological contactor (RBC) building, the sludge process (belt press) building and the temporary sludge disposal areas. Threat of odor nuisance was compounded by the increasing influent discharge resulting from the new developments in Discharger's service area.
3. Cease and Desist Order No. 84-17, in part, requires the Discharger to:
 - (a) Provide interim odor control and install permanent odor elimination system in compliance with a time schedule, with a full compliance date of July 1, 1986.
 - (b) Submit a technical report specifying a continuous management plan for the disposal of sludge.
 - (c) Submit quarterly reports on new sewer connections and flow to include an updated forecast through December 1987 on projected connections and flows, as well as an analysis of their impact on the treatment facilities.
 - (d) Submit a policy statement specifying the criteria and standards the Discharger will use to limit additional discharges to the wastewater treatment facilities.
4. The Discharger has completed the tasks required by Order No. 84-17. Permanent odor control facilities for all major odor sources at the plant have been constructed and operational by July 1, 1986. Sludge is hauled off-site and thus eliminated as a possible odor nuisance.

5. The Discharger has expanded treatment plant capacity from 19.7 million gallons per day (MGD) to 35 MGD. The new facilities are equipped with odor control and have been in full operation since February, 1988. The Discharger has consistently met secondary treatment effluent limits.
6. The Discharger has satisfactorily completed the tasks required by Cease and Desist Order No. 84-17 and have achieved consistent compliance with the waste discharge requirements prescribed in Order No. 84-30.
7. This action is to rescind an order previously adopted by the Board to enforce the Discharger's waste discharge requirements. This action is, therefore, categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the California Natural Resources Code.
8. On July 20, 1988, at a meeting starting at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the State Building, 1111 Jackson Street, Oakland, after due notice to the Discharger and other affected persons, the Board conducted a public hearing at which the Discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Board's Cease and Desist Order No. 84-17 is rescinded.

I, Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on July 20, 1988.



STEVEN R. RITCHIE
Executive Officer

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